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SUBJECT: CHARTER REVIEW

1. AT SUGGESTION KOLESNIK (USSR), US, UK, FRENCH, SOV MISOFFS MET TO DISCUSS MEXICAN INITIATIVE REGARDING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON CHARTER REVIEW.

2. UK, FRENCH, SOV MISOFFS WERE NEGATIVE TO MEXICAN IDEA. THEIR VIEW CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: ONE MEETING OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE PER YEAR IS ENOUGH AND THAT MEXICAN SUGGESTION WOULD AMOUNT TO LITTLE MORE THAN SECOND SESSION OF COMMITTEE.

3. MISOFF RECOGNIZED MEASURE OF ACCURACY OF ABOVE BUT EXPRESSED VIEW THAT, IF MEXICANS COULD BE PERSUADED TO KEEP THE NUMBERS SMALL ENOUGH AND THE MEMBERSHIP APPROPRIATELY BALANCED, E.G., US, UK, FRANCE, USSR, FOUR REVIEW PROPONENTS, PLUS ONE OR TWO NON-PERMS WHO OPPOSE REVISION, (E.G., BELGIUM OR POLAND), WE NEED NOT HAVE MUCH TO FEAR FROM EXERCISE. MISOFF
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NOTED THAT GROUP SO COMPOSED COULD EVEN BE USED TO STEER EXERCISE AWAY FROM CHARTER CHANGE AND IN DIRECTION OF REFORM WITHIN EXISTING STRUCTURE WHICH COULD BENEFIT THE UN AND ALL OF US. MISOFF ALSO NOTED THAT FLAT REFUSAL TO CONSIDER MEXICAN PROPOSAL LIKELY BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

4. OTHERS RECOGNIZED THAT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS SO STRUCTURED WOULD NOT BE AS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE BUT THEY MAINTAINED A BASICALLY NEGATIVE VIEW. THEY, HOWEVER, AGREED NOT TO RESPOND NEGATIVELY TO MEXICAN SUGGESTION BUT RATHER TO SUGGEST TO MEXICANS THAT IT DIFFICULT TO SEE WHEN SUCH A MEETING COULD BE SCHEDULED AND SUGGEST THAT MATTER BE DISCUSSED FURTHER DURING LATTER PART OF UNGA WHEN NEXT YEAR'S SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE KNOWN. THEY WOULD ANTICIPATE AT THAT TIME IF GONZALES GALVEZ STILL WANTS TO PROCEED WITH THE MATTER, ACQUIESCING IN SUCH A MEETING IF THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP IS ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE AND IF MEXICANS INDICATE THAT THEY ARE NOT SEEKING TO BASE THE CONSULTATIONS ON THE HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL AND DIVISIVE L.12 BUT RATHER ON PROPOSALS SUGGESTED 1978 SESSION.

5. BELIEVE THIS APPROACH CONSISTENT WITH BOTH OUR OWN DESIRE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AS VEHICLE FOR THOSE REFORMS OF SYSTEM WE REGARD AS DESIRABLE AND WITH OUR BEING ABLE MAINTAIN IMPORTANT COOPERATION WITH UK, FRANCE AND USSR IN THIS AREA.

6. MISOFF WAS APPROACHED BY KAWAMURA (JAPAN) WHO SAID
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THEY HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY MEXICANS. KAWAMURA INDICATED THAT IDEA OF WAITING UNTIL END OF UNGA AND INSISTING ON VERY LIMITED MEMBERSHIP SEEMED REASONABLE. HE DID NOT EVIDENCE ANY PARTICULAR ENTHUSIASM FOR MEXICAN IDEA.

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